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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

BROWN, et al.

Examiner: JOHANNSEN, Diana

Application No.: 09/986,989

Art Unit: 1634

Filed: November 13, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 108172-00072

For: ACE GENOTYPE WHICH CORRELATES WITH IMPROVED SUCCESS IN
SODIUM EXCRETION IN HYPERTENSIVES WITH EXERCISE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 8, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for one month for the response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 8, 2003, from November 8, 2003 to December 8, 2003.

Please find attached a check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the small entity fee discussed above. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing attorney docket number 108172-00072.

Respectfully submitted,

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